#### PATENT APPLICATION FEE DETERMINATION RECORD Effective December 8, 2004 CLAIMS AS FILED - PART I SMALL ENTITY OTHER THAN (Column 1) (Column 2) TYPE [ SMALL ENTITY **TOTAL CLAIMS** RATE FEE RATE FEE FOR NUMBER FILED NUMBER EXTRA BASIC FEE OR BASIC FEE 150.00 300.00 TOTAL CHARGEABLE CLAIMS ainus 20= X\$ 25= X\$50=OR INDEPENDENT CLAIMS minus 3 = X100= X200= OR MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT +180= +360= OR \* If the difference in column 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in column 2 **TOTAL** OR TOTAL CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II OTHER THAN (Column 1) SMALL ENTITY OR (Column 2) (Column 3) SMALL ENTITY CLAIMS HIGHEST REMAINING ADDI-ADDI-NUMBER PRESENT AFTER PREVIOUSLY RATE TIONAL RATE TIONAL **EXTRA AMENOMENT** PAID FOR FEE FEE AMENDM Total Minus 400, X\$ 25= X\$50= OR Independent Minus X100= X200= FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM OR +180= +360= OR . TOTAL OR ADDIT. FEE ' 0() ADDIT. FEE (Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3) PAID CLAIMS HIGHEST REMAINING ADDI-ADDI-NUMBER PRESENT **AMENDMENT** AFTER RATE PREVIOUSLY TIONAL TIONAL **EXTRA** RATE AMENDMENT PAID FOR FEE FEE Total Minus X\$ 25= X\$50= OR Independent Minus X100= X200= FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM OR +180= +360= OR TOTAL TOTAL OR ADDIT, FEE ADDIT. FEE (Column 1) (Column 2) (Column 3) CLAIMS HIGHEST REMAINING ADDI-ADDI-NUMBER PRESENT AFTER: TIONAL PREVIOUSLY RATE **EXTRA** RATE TIONAL AMENDMENT PAID FOR FEE FEE AMENDM Total Minus X\$ 25= X\$50= OR Independent Minus X100 =X200= FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM OR +180= +360=

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## <u>RESPONSE</u>

Sir:

Applicant requests consideration of the pending claims in the above-identified patent application based on the remarks herein.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 29 of this paper.

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#### Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 6, 7, 18, 27, 33-35, 41, 83-87, 89-94, 114, and 148-149 have been amended. Claim 1 was amended to fix a typographical error.

Claims 2, 7, 18, 27, 33-35, 41, 83-87, 89-94, 114, and 148-149 have been amended to delete a period.

Claim 6 has been amended to address an objection to this claim in the June 4, 2003 Office Action. Withdrawal of the objection is requested.

Claim 93 has been amended to correct a typographical error, i.e., the double recitation of "oxide" in line 3.

Claims 150-157 have been added and all <u>depend</u> directly or indirectly from Claim 2. Claims 1-62 and 78-157 are pending.

## Restriction/Species Requirement

At page 2, the Examiner requires an election of species. Applicant elects the claims of Species Group I, drawn to a method of forming a dielectric layer. Claims 1-47, 78-94, and 111-149 are readable on the elected species.

Claim 2 is generic to Claim 95, which is in Group II.

Applicant notes that the election of species is solely to facilitate an examination search, and that Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species upon allowance of a generic claim. It is understood that if the claims of the elected species are found allowable over the prior art, the Examiner will expand the search to include other species.

Extension of Term. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136 apply. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that Applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time. If any extension and/or fee are required, please charge Account No. 23-2053.

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Based on the above remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections of the claims. It is submitted that the present claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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